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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Curtis Langlois, 28, Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 100 months in prison without parole, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

On July 31, 2008, Langlois pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit six armed robberies of various Madison business establishments in April and May 2008. The indictment charged Langlois and his co-defendant Scott Andruss with robbing businesses located along the East Washington Avenue corridor, including: Red Letter News, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Red Roof Inn, and PDQ.

At today's sentencing, Judge Crabb noted that Langlois deserved a significant sentence because he was a danger to the community. Judge Crabb noted that Langlois and Andruss used dangerous weapons during their string of robberies. Judge Crabb also noted that Langlois had a prior state conviction in 1998 for the very same conduct. The judge also found it troubling that even though Langlois served an eight-year prison term for his previous armed robbery conviction, he re-offended nine months after being released from prison, while he was on parole.

The charges against Langlois were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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